[Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.]

There in the second paragraph it is stated that—

"Not less than 3 days before the presentation of any estimate for any supplementary or additional grant, a copy of the demand for the grant shall be similarly posted or delivered."

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : May I know the page of the Manual from which the member read the last order of Government ?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : The order read out by me is in the form of a slip and unfortunately there is no page number printed on it. By this order it has clearly been made obligatory on the part of the Secretary to give three days' clear notice of the fact of the supplementary grant. Moreover, not only the Rule as to three days' notice has not been observed but it is only just now that the paper has been put into our hands.

PRESIDENT : When did it reach your hands?

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : This morning, say at about 11'30, when we were expected to be in this Hall. So, we were not at all in a position to go through the various demands and see the necessity or otherwise of the demands proposed to be moved by the various members of the Government. So I beg to submit that the consideration of these demands may be adjourned.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : If the members really feel that there is any difficulty, it may be postponed.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, it will not do if in the present case, because there is some difficulty if it is postponed. The point is whether we are entitled to get 3 days' notice whenever a demand for a supplementary grant comes up. I request a ruling to be given.

PRESIDENT : I do not think a ruling is necessary.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*) : Sir, a point of order having been raised, it is necessary to give a ruling.

PRESIDENT : The rule is clear, but there is also a proviso to it and so no point of order arises. The consideration of the supplementary demands will however be postponed.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE PROVIDENT INSURANCE SOCIETIES BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I rise to present the report of the Select Committee on the Provident Insurance Societies Bill and beg to move that the Bill, as reported by the Select Committee be taken for consideration.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) : I second it.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : With reference to this, we have not been given sufficient notice. Even the rules provide that we should get copies of the report of the Select Committee ;

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"After the presentation of the final report of the Select Committee on a Bill, the member in charge may move—

(i) that the Bill as reported by the Select Committee be taken into consideration ; but any member may object to its being so taken into consideration if a copy of the report has not been available for the use of members for seven days, or if three months have not elapsed from the date of the first publication of the Bill, and such objection shall prevail unless the President, in the exercise of his power to suspend this rule, allows the report to be taken into consideration ; or

(ii) that the Bill be re-committed either

(a) without limitation, or

(b) with respect to particular clauses or amendments only, or

(c) with instructions to the Select Committee to make some particular or additional provision in the Bill."

The copy of the report of the Select Committee on the Bill was supplied to the members of the House only on the day before yesterday.

PRESIDENT : What rule is it ?

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Standing Order 37, paragraph 78 of the Manual at page 15. By stating this, it is not my object to press that the consideration of the Bill be postponed. Now, there is absolutely no amendment coming forth on the report of the Select Committee and making use of the earliest opportunity. I have to-day tabled some amendments and even these are not before the House. My submission is that either under this Order the consideration of the Bill be postponed or the amendments just now tabled by me be admitted to be moved.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I have no objection to the second course suggested by Mr. Nilakanta Pillai, namely, to admit his amendments.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : But we have not been able to send up amendments.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : The amendments that have been received so far are being typed and I hoped to be able to have them distributed by the time the discussion on the suppelementary demands was over and I did not expect that objectjon would be taken to that.

MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : Sir,.....

PRESIDENT : You must not interrupt the Law Member, Mr. Nadar.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : If, apart from the technical objection raised, you think, Sir, that the members will really be prejudiced by the amendments not having been circulated, I have no objection to this Bill also being postponed.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Sir, we have not been able to consider the Bill in detail and send amendments in time and also it is rather a long Bill containing various provisions and as such it will be facilitating the consideration of it in detail if some postponement is allowed.

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PRESIDENT: The consideration of the Bill will be postponed.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): With your permission, Sir, I wish to make one observation with rsgard to this Bill. Any members who wish to make amendments, would do well to send them to-day in order that they may be printed and circulated at once.

THE CHITTIES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I rise to introduce a Bill to amend the Chitties Regulation of 1094. It has been publised in the Gazette with a statement of objects and reasons and I now beg to move that the Bill be read in the Council.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*) I second it.

MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): Sir, I shall now briefly explain the principles involved in the Bill. There are two distinct principles involved. The first is the provision for the postponement of the instalments of a chitty and the other is a provision for penalising what is called the Kurichitties.

In regard to the first namely, the postponement of the instalments of a chitty, the reason for the introduction of the proposed measure is that representations have been made to the Government that owing to the scarcity of money in the country some special remedy or machinery must be provided for the postponement of the instalments of a chitty so that people who have not the money to pay for the chitties may be afforded sufficient facilities for continuing in the chitty without being treated as defaulters. At the same time, it is thought that the power to postpone should not be allowed indefinitely. It is therefore proposed at present that the power should be exercised for postponement only to the extent of one year and after that power should be left to the Government to prescribe further periods of say one year or two years, according as the economic conditions improve or not for which the postponement may be made. This matter was considered by the Economic Development Board and it is on their advice that this measure has been drafted and practicly it is their recommendation that is sought to be implemented by clause 2 of the Bill, *i. e.*, the Section proposed to be added as Section 52 in the Regulation.

With regard to the other principle, the House is certainly aware that there is what is called Kuri chits and there is a large number of them in the country. What are these Kuri chits? Probably it may not be possible to generalise them in such a way as to bring all sorts of kuri chits under a firm definition but most of them come within the meaning of the "transactions *partaking* of the nature of chitties" which are declared void by the Chitties Regulation. Section 4 of the Regulation lays down that—

> "Transactions partaking of the nature of a chitty but not falling within the definition in sub-section (1) of Section 3 are void."

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